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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to response filed 8/14/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-36.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

1. Claims 1-36 are allowed.

Regarding Claim 1, Dvorkin, Ahonen, Gitlin, Ella, and Lahti do not teach, alone nor in combination, the combination of:

at least two feed points, adapted to connect separately to at least two of a plurality of electrically separated antennas for receiving communication signals in the communication device; and

at least one isolation component, disposed in the signal paths, for providing cross-band isolation between at least two of the signal paths, wherein at least two of said plurality of signal paths adapted to simultaneously receive communication signals in a plurality of frequency bands from one of the antennas through one of the two feed points, and at least a different one of the said plurality of signal paths is adapted to receive communication signals from another one of the antennas through the other of the two feed points in a further frequency band different from the said plurality of frequency bands.

Regarding Claim 33, Dvorkin, Ahonen, Gitlin, Ella, and Lahti do not teach, alone nor in combination, the combination of:

providing at least a first feed point and a second feed point, the first and second feed points adapted to connect separately to at least two of a plurality of electrically separated antennas;

operatively connecting at least two of a plurality of signal paths to the first feed point for receiving communication signals through the first feed point, and at least a different one of said plurality of signal paths to the second feed point for receiving communication signals through the second feed point, each of the signal paths connected to the first and second feed points has a filter for filtering the communication signals in the corresponding frequency band; and

providing cross-band isolation between at least two of said plurality of signal paths, wherein the communication signals received in at least one of the signal paths connected to the first feed point and the communication signals received in at least one of the signal paths connected to the second feed point are transmitted in the same frequency band and transmission mode;

wherein the two signal paths connected to the first feed points are adapted to receive communication signals in different frequency bands.

Referring to Claim 34, Dvorkin, Ahonen, Gitlin, Ella, and Lahti do not teach, alone nor in combination, the combination of:

a plurality of electrically separated RF antennas, including a first antenna and a second antenna, and a front-end module comprising:

at least a first feed point and a second feed point separately connected to the first and second antennas, and a plurality of signal paths operatively connected to the first and second feed points for receiving communication signals in a plurality of frequency bands, each signal path having a filter for filtering the communication signals in the corresponding frequency band, wherein the communication signals received in at

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least one of the signal paths connected to the first feed point and the communication signals received in at least one of the signal paths connected to the second feed point are transmitted in the same frequency band and transmission mode, and the communication signals received in another different one of the signal paths connected to the first feed point transmitted in a different frequency band.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eugene Yun whose telephone number is (571) 272-7860. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew D. Anderson can be reached on (571)272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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